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Letter dated 13 July 2004 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to address myself to you in connection with item 61, "Multilingualism", of the agenda of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

As you know, the General Assembly decided, in paragraph 14 of its resolution 56/262, of 15 February 2002, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the question of multilingualism. At the same time, the Secretary-General was requested to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the resolutions on multilingualism, which is now in our possession.

Today I cannot but note that the Secretary-General's report was not accorded the thorough examination it deserved at that session.

Consequently, I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of the States members of the Intergovernmental Agency of La Francophonie, of our intention to request the inclusion of the item "Multilingualism" as an additional question in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly in accordance with article 14 of its rules of procedure.

It goes without saying that this report, which relates specifically to the current situation, must not be construed as calling into question the biennial character of the item "Multilingualism". It is quite clear in our minds that the resolution adopted on this item at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly will refer explicitly to the sixty-first session.

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